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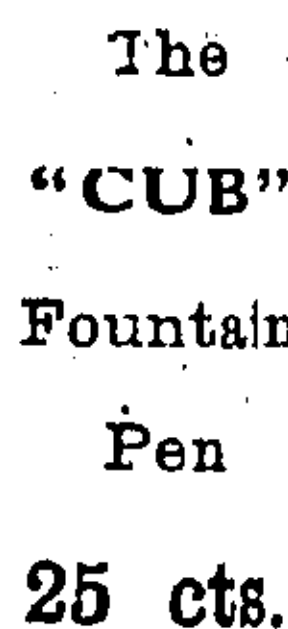
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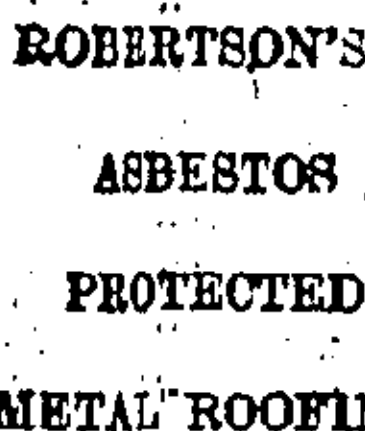


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The Feast of St. Margaret Mary Sunday is to be made the occasion of the blessing of the new church of that name in Broadwood by the very Reverend Father M. Spade, provincial apostolic of Hongkong. The service of blessing will take place at 8.30 a.m. and the evening service the preacher will be the Rev. Fr. A. Lane.

After the luncheon there was a general excise to the villa quarters of Signor Mussolini, who acknowledged the greetings of the crowd.

Mr. Chamberlain later formally called upon Mussolini.

After a fourth luncheon at the villa, Mr. Chamberlain

1. PREMIER'S MESSAGE
Paris, October 15.
M. Poincaré, the Premier, has telegraphed M. Briand the warm-
est congratulations of the Gov-
ernment, and has declared today
that of historical importance.

Simla, October 15.—At a formal dinner, Sir John Wood, Resident, Sriharar, on behalf of the British and Indian Governments, delivered to Sir Hari Singh the formal recognition of his accession to the throne of Jammu and

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STRANGLED.

YOUTH ADMITS BRUTAL MURDER. UNDER THE BED.

Married Man Takes Poison After Fight.

Two "love tragedies" provided London's week-end sensation. A young married woman, who had been away from home all night, was found strangled under a tree in a park at Hampstead, and at the inquest it was stated that her nephew, aged 18, had confessed to killing her. He asserted that she had asked him to strangle her while she was asleep, and then he gave details of how he choked her.

In the other case, a man whose suit had been rejected by a girl when she learned that he was married, concealed himself under her bed. Her screams, on discovering him, brought her father, a powerfully-built man, on the scene, and after a struggle the intruder poisoned himself.

London. At the inquest on Beryl Thornton, aged 21, who was found, strangled, under a tree in the newly-opened public park at Kenwood, Hampstead, a verdict was returned that her nephew, Alfred Kopsch, aged 18, a piano-maker, was her murderer.

Mrs. Thornton's husband gave evidence that they were married in India. His wife's father was an Englishman, her mother a Russian. His wife had never previously been absent, at night time, and they had lived together happily. When he awoke, finding his wife was absent, he fed their baby himself.

Kopsch's father, in evidence, said he had repeatedly warned his son against association with a married woman, but his son replied: "I love her."

After Kopsch surrendered to the police, and made a confession, in which he said: "She asked me to strangle her when she was asleep. We lay down at 10 o'clock, and I strangled her, when, apparently she was asleep, at 2 o'clock in the morning, first pressing my thumb into her neck, and then double-knotting my necktie round it. She is in trouble, and it is my fault."

A doctor, in evidence, contradicted Kopsch's statement regarding deceased's condition.

FIGHT IN BEDROOM.

Alice Davies (21), living with her father at a small coffee shop in Bethnal Green, was aroused at 11 p.m., and, having an intuition that a burglar was in her bedroom, stretched out her hand and felt a man crawling on the floor.

SNAILS STORAGE.

PRESERVING FRENCH DELICACIES.

20,000,000 PUT TO SLEEP FOR SUMMER.

A snail is crawling up my office desk, writes a Paris correspondent of the "Daily Mail."

Barely an hour ago it was fast asleep with 20,000,000 of its brothers and sisters in one of the biggest Paris cold-storage depots awaiting the winter season when it could be eaten with its suitable accompaniment of parsley, garlic, and butter.

Snails are a staple in the summer months in France, though they form a delicacy in the autumn and winter. But still there exist millions of them which have to be kept and stored for the next snail season.

It is known that during the hard winter frosts snails burrow down between the roots of bushes, and, in fact, into any sheltered place, and there, having drawn tight a door of skin over the opening of their shell, they go to sleep waiting for better weather.

When the heat of summer is on and nobody wants to eat snails, French snail masters take the molluscs by the hundred thousand, packed with the greatest care in wooden cases on layers of straw, to the great suburban cold storage depot.

There the snails are brought to a temperature as near to that of the average winter as possible, and there they go fast asleep at once.

To-day I saw scores and scores of cases of them piled high in the chilled but not frozen chambers of the depot. There was the great white Burgundy snail, the king of snails, a neckloid monster two inches across and broad in proportion. Side by side with the aristocratic white Burgundy or Roman snails were piles of cases of democratic grey snails. These are the common or garden, brown and grey striped snails, familiar to almost every hedgerow.

One of these cases was loose and it was there that, with my finger I pried out a homely "grey" snail to see what he looked like.

It is stated that at least 20,000,000 snails are put to sleep and kept in storage every summer waiting for the appetite of Parisians and other snail-eaters from every country, who arrive with the winter.

POLICE METHODS.

HOME SECRETARY'S ACTION.

PROCEDURE REVISED.

Dealing in a letter to Mr. J. F. P. Rawlinson, K.C., M.P., with the points raised in his report on the inquiry into the arrest, through mistaken identity, of Major R. O. Sheppard, the Home Secretary, Sir William Johnston-Hicks, says:—

Until the station officer has decided to accept the charge (made by a private individual) the accused cannot under the existing law be admitted to bail.

It is, however, important, and in the interest of the accused person most desirable, that in all cases the preliminary investigation should be made with proper care and consideration. It may well happen that, though an accusation appears at first well founded, the preliminary investigation shows clearly that the accuser has made an unfortunate—but honest—mistake. I do not therefore think the police should enter a charge and admit an accused person to bail to answer a charge at a court without a careful preliminary investigation.

On the other hand, I have come to the conclusion that when the police are satisfied with the identity of the accused person and there is no reasonable fear of his absconding, it would be well if before any charge is entered they had power to admit him to bail to appear on a later day at a police station, if so required, instead of keeping him in custody till their investigation is completed. Such a power would allow of the accused person being released—instead of being detained as at present—pending the result of the preliminary investigation. I therefore propose, following your suggestion, to ask Parliament to insert a clause for this purpose in the Criminal Justice Bill.

STATION TO STATION.

In transferring Major Sheppard from Vine-street Station to Hunter-street Station, the police were following the usual practice. It is, as a rule, more convenient to the majority of persons concerned (including the accused) that the preliminary investigation of the accusation should be conducted where the alleged crime was committed.

In the present case I agree that the preliminary examination might have been completed at Vine-street Station and Major Sheppard admitted to bail here. I have issued further directions to the police upon this matter.

In the report you incidentally expressed the opinion that if the alleged offence had been committed at Newmarket the accused person should not have been detained until arrangements could be made to take him to Newmarket.

The new clause which is proposed to ask Parliament to insert in the Criminal Justice Bill would allow, in such a case, the police at Vine-street station to admit the accused person to bail to appear at, say, Newmarket police station on a later day.

WRONGFUL QUESTIONING.

I have recently drawn the attention of the police to the urgent necessity of strictly observing the rules laid down by His Majesty's Judges regarding the questioning of prisoners in police custody and persons suspected of crime.

I gather that you approve these rules, are of opinion that they were not properly carried out, and suggest that I should call the atten-

tion of the police to the need for carrying them out to the full. This I have done.

I accept your strictures, and instructions are being issued to the police that any person who is to be put up for identification is to be verbally informed that he is entitled to have a solicitor or friend present at the identification parade. Not only will every such person be verbally informed and given a printed notice setting out his rights in this matter, as you recommended, but notices will also be displayed in convenient places at police stations.

I do not, however, think it practicable to require that a magistrate should be present at an identification parade.

The present general orders upon the subject shall be amplified with a view to ensuring that every precaution will be taken in the interest of the accused person to make the conduct of the parade as satisfactory as possible.

FINGER-PRINTS.

Though it is often in the interest of an accused person that his fingerprints should be taken at the earliest moment, the police, as you point out, have no power to compel a person to have his fingerprints taken. Instructions will be issued that before a person's fingerprints are taken by the police he will be informed of his right to object, and notices to that effect will also be displayed in police stations.

The general orders now explicit as to the facilities to be given to a person to communicate with his friends and legal advisers.

The attention of the police will be drawn to these orders, and further instructions given regarding their interpretation in the case most favourable to the person detained. Clear notices will in future be exhibited at police stations, informing such persons of the facilities provided for their communicating with their friends and legal advisers and also of the provisions with regard to bail.

The above is the action I propose to take, in the general interest, with a view to giving effect to the recommendations in your report.

CENSURED POLICE.

In the particular case of the officers who have been censured by you, I can only add that the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis is the authority in all matters of police discipline, and his new consideration of what action he should take.

While deep regret must be felt at the painful experience to which Major Sheppard has been subjected, and while strict disciplinary inquiry will be made into the conduct of the police involved, it must not be lost sight of that the original cause of Major Sheppard's arrest was the mistake of Miss Dennistoun; that she was supported in this by other apparently credible witnesses, and that the learned magistrate, having heard all the evidence, committed him for trial.

This case was quite an exceptional one, and has brought to light certain defects in the system which I hope I have remedied, but I am satisfied that there is no justification for any serious mistrust of the attitude of practice of the police in the discharge of their very difficult duties.

I have now only once more to express my thanks to you, my regrets to Major Sheppard, and my personal confidence that his unfortunate experience will lead to the general good.

"What are you going to make your boy when he grows up?" "I think I'll apprentice him to a ropemaker." "A ropemaker! Good heavens, why?" "Because he already shows a certain aptitude for spinning yarns."

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BIRTH.

BEITH.—On October 15, the wife
of B. D. F. Beith, a daughter.

Hongkong, Friday, October 16, 1925.

ODD MAN OUT?

America has recently been
perturbed over the rising price of
rubber. The factions in the
States most concerned have raised
their voices loud and long, and re-
presentations were made to the
British authorities on the Rubber
Restriction scheme and the high
prices of rubber. More recently
the American Press has been
quick to see something which did
not exist. It has been seriously
suggested that in coming to a
quick understanding with the
French Finance Minister, both M.
Caillaux and Mr. Winston Church-
ill were in league in some
dark plot aimed at America's
stability. It seems necessary to
refer to these facts in view of the
reports that the American Gov-
ernment is preparing, "if neces-
sary, to deal with the Chinese
problem independently of the
other Powers." Politics can be a
game of wits and politicians
have been known to score off each
other as occasion arises. Is it
likely that the reports have any
foundation in fact? If so, are
they the nature of a bluff or
are they a warning?

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would abridge the rights of
subjects or citizens of friendly
States, and from countenancing
action inimical to the security
of such States.

America is a party to this
contract. In view of this fact an
early refutation of the "reports"
that America contemplates deal-
ing with what is described as "the
Chinese problem," should be
expected.

THE COAL PROBLEM.

The problem which the U.S.
Government is called upon to face
with regard to its hard coal indus-
try has points of resemblance to
that which the British Govern-
ment temporarily solved a few
weeks ago. However, mat-
ters are not entirely on
all fours. For example,
the low state of the British
miners' personal and Union funds
as a result of the hard times
which have followed the indus-
trial depression and the disas-
trous strikes would certainly not
have permitted them to have
employed their strike time (in
the event of a deadlock having
been reached) in "fishing, camp-
ing and touring" as the American
miners seem to be doing, accord-
ing to yesterday's cables.

The critical condition of the
British coal mining industry is
mainly due to the fact that thick
seams at moderate depths are be-
coming exhausted and that coal
cannot therefore be raised at a
cost which enables it to compete
with foreign coal. America, on
the other hand, has rich seams of
coal near the surface and the
solution of her particular difficul-
ties would appear to be along the
lines of an increased per capita
production and the elimination of
strikes whilst amalgamations to
diminish overhead charges
and to reduce costs, closer
attention to the by-product indus-
try, and the more general intro-
duction of time-saving modern
appliances are among the pro-
posals which will be considered by
the Court of Enquiry or Royal
Commission which Mr. Baldwin
indicated would be set up to make
a full investigation into the
methods of improving the produc-
tive efficiency of the mining in-
dustry of Britain for the purpose
of "increasing its competitive
power in world markets."

Meanwhile, the anthracite users
of America are making use of the
only weapon which is left them
for combating this biennial war-
fare between miners and opera-
tors—the use of bituminous
products as substitutes for
anthracite. To the British public
this weapon is denied and in any
event, if Mr. Baldwin's proposals
are successful there should be no
necessity for its use. It might,
however, make for greater indus-
trial harmony in this connection
in Britain if those interested in
promotion of its welfare would
bear in mind that it was the
excessively high prices charged
for British coal during and after
the war which led to the great
hydro-electric development in
Italy and elsewhere with the
consequent decreased demand of
coal from these countries. It is
early to talk yet of the actual
workings of such schemes for
Britain and, it is to be hoped,
quite unnecessary to refer to the
possibility of them being used as
a lever by the British public, but
it is significant that schemes for
experimenting in the harnessing
of tides and the local generation
of electricity by means of wind-
mills are already in the wind.

THEY SAY THAT—

It is a terrible place, America.
Mrs. Catherine Smith.
Nobody knows how anybody
lives. Mr. Stacy Augood.
We are exploring the universe
and finding nothing. Mr. Oliver
Cromwell.
The world is a vast, unexplored
continent. Mr. John Galsworthy.
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continent. Mr. John Galsworthy.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

Waal, I just
EXTRACTS FROM: guess that King
AN AMERICAN Henry VIII.
HISTORY. who was chief
executive of

England away back, must have
made a considerable dent in the
history of the world. Oh, boy.
When it came to marrying, Henry
was the real bad man from Bad-
ville, the real he-man from the
corkscrew pants, for when he
wasn't taking a quick lunch of
boar's head at a cafeteria he was
doing the "I Will" business.
Round about 1543 somewhere on
the dot he had a date with
Catherine Parr (née Malcolm
Scott), whom he married. He
sure married so often that the
Hollywood smoke eaters and
flicker men fainted over their
megaphones. Henry had a sense
of humour, for one day he hung a
pulpit-gripping guy named
Volsay down the area steps at
Hever Castle, shouting, "Hells
Bells. Shut that door."

Henry was a great student. He
knew several languages and could
speak in Esperanto and golf so
fluently that Satan had to send
for smelling salts. He was
musical, for he played the viol da
gambol and the table de hote.
His motto was: "One good wife
deserves another." Was he the
goods, boys? I'll say he was not,
nart. Nope. He was the goat's
bleat all right, all right.

Wifely devotion is
HER HERO. well-known in cer-
tain quarters.
Who does not remember
the story of Mrs. Disraeli
who refused to cry out
when her finger became jammed
in the door of the coach which
was bearing the great man and
herself to the House of Com-
mons. He was to deliver a big
speech there, and Mrs. D thought
that if he knew of her injury it
would upset him, which seems to
the Office cynic rather far-
fetched. In another line is an
amusing story about Mrs. Glad-
stone, wife of the "Grand Old
Man" of the Victorian era. Mrs.
Gladstone was entertaining a cer-
tain Bishop, and at the breakfast
table they were discussing the
perturbed state of Europe. Mr.
Gladstone—then Premier—had
not yet come downstairs. After
commenting with some concern
on the seemingly inextricable
tangle of world affairs, the cleric
remarked:—

"Well, it is a great comfort to
me in all these extremely difficult
problems to feel that there is one
above who knows all and in whom
we may safely trust."

"Yes, indeed, Bishop," replied
Mrs. Gladstone earnestly, "I
agree with you, and he won't
keep you waiting long now, I
assure you. He will be down
directly."

PRICELESS SCRAPS OF PAPER.

Reviewing in the "Sunday Times"
"British Archives and the Sources
for the History of the World
War," by Herbert Hall, (Ox-
ford University Press), Mr.
J. M. Bullock, writes that the his-
toric Scrap of Paper had a much
water bearing than the fact that it
hailed this country in the Great
War. It was a generic symbol of
the deepest significance in the
whole range of archives, and com-
potes the purpose, not to say the
gravamen of Dr. Hall's very in-
teresting contribution to the re-
markable series of studies now being
prepared for the Carnegie Endow-
ment for International Peace, un-
der the general editorship of Prof.
Shutwell, of Columbia University,
with Sir William Beveridge in com-
mand of the British editorial board.
This encyclopaedic enterprise has
enlisted the services of over 200 ex-
perts, recognised in Europe as best
able to estimate and record the
displacement which the war has
caused in the normal activities of
life. Although Dr. Hall's volume
is not the first of the series, it is real-
ly a foundational contribution to it,
for without archives we cannot pos-
sibly get down to the facts.

War, by a simple paradox, at
once creates archives and destroys
them, and while the primary pur-
pose of Dr. Hall's book is a plea
for the proper preservation of the
data of the Great War, in all its
variegated implications, he rightly
sees the opportunity to reach the
goal of the invaluable aid of
archives in general and of the Public
Record Office, with which he was
so long connected, in particular.

DESTRUCTED DOCUMENTS.
Though not wholly germane to
his immediate purpose, Dr. Hall
does well to cite some of the more
spectacular crimes of the destroyers
of documents, such as these:—

In many cases a mercenary motive
has been responsible for the dis-
posal of old parchments or paper,
which has realised a fancy price
from second-hand bookellers and
other experts, or at least a sub-
stantial price in connection with
the manufacture of glue and toys,
or the trade requirements of tailors
(for coat lapels), gold-beaters, and
stationers. Many documents,
again, have been lost by neglect-
ful custody [such as an old large
shed at Somerset House, just and
deserted stables], especially in per-
mitting documents to be removed
for personal, or to be scrapped and
sold as waste paper by officekeepers
or charwomen.

One peeress of ancient lineage
was guilty of mipping seals and
signatures from mementoes and
State Papers as souvenirs for her
friends.

The writer has seen a toy drum
bought a few years ago at a bazaar
made of parchment cut from an old
judicial record written in court
hand.

A distinguished colonial anti-
quary, suspecting that Washing-
ton's first American forerunner
went to Virginia from Barbadoes,
made some attempt to trace the
matter. To his disgust he learned
that the papers in question were be-
lieved to be among some bags of old
records that a few years ago were
cast into the sea. The Colonial
Secretary of Barbadoes of that day
had himself photographed as he
sat on one of the bags with a pipe
in his mouth.

ANDALUSIAN PARCHMENT.
There has long been a persistent
tradition that the great historian
and statesman, Don Juan Manuel,
was the author of a parchment
which was found in the ruins of
the Alhambra in 1801. It was
found in a room which was
supposed to be the study of the
king, and it was believed that it
was a copy of a letter which he
had written to the Pope in 1399.
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Pope in 1399.

a patriotic virtue during the Great
War, being symbolised by the
legend one used to read on the
recher magmen's vans: "Thousands
of pounds wasted! Save your
wastepaper!"—only to get its pulp-
ed. As Dr. Hall mordantly says—
"If an exact return could be made
of these transactions [as affecting
Government offices] the moral loss
to the community would not be
believed by the cash receipts from
enterprising purveyors and their
conscious or unconscious touts."

During the last years of the War
an astonishing number of this tribe
appeared upon the scene, and busied
themselves with "smelling out" old
records with the zeal of Zulu witch
doctors.

Dr. Hall takes up the strong posi-
tion that "a Government which
cannot produce the authentic re-
cords of a nation's acts may find
itself in the same plight as one that
cannot redeem its paper currency
with gold." In both cases the
safety of the State depends on the
conservation of national treasure;
in neither case can the want be
supplied by a mere "gesture".
Even the Bolsheviks are stated to
have preserved to some extent the
archives of the Crown and of the
old landed nobility as a national
asset to be used in common.

A ROYAL RAT CATCHER.

You may brush aside Dr. Hall's
passionately put plea if you are
obsessed with the idea that war and
the predatory spirit are permanent
"instincts" of "human nature".
If you feel that it is nonsense to
speak of the cult of archives as
"monuments for the instruments of
peace"; if you are prejudiced
against any history fathered by the
Carnegie Endowment for interna-
tional Peace. But even if you be
a permanent institution, it is very
essential to know how previous cam-
paigns have been waged, and still
more how the Great War reacted
on the whole community; and that
being so, you will be quite un-
willing to learn that in 1910 no military
despatches of later date than the
Battle of Waterloo were to be found
at the Record Office. The Great
War, again, forced us back on an
earlier agrarian system; a com-
minal administration was also re-
vived, and local history, as recorded
in the old churchwardens' accounts
began to repeat itself. To know
how to work these reversions, it was
necessary to refer to "musty old
papers," which do-it-know, folk
despise.

During this crisis, Sir Arthur
Shipley referred to the conventional
delimitation of a royal rat-catcher,
whose livery bore a device of na-
tional significance—a wheatsheaf
inset with the black rat of old
England.

In reply to American inquiries,
the learned author was able to
trace from accounts of the Royal
Household preserved at the Record
Office the establishment of this
office and the precise description of
the livery worn by the King's rat-
catcher for 200 years.

If we had not fallen behind as
archivists and become increasingly
the victims of very wasteful means
of "economy," it would be need-
less to labour the point that "Scrap
of Paper" may be quite invaluable.
It is perfectly true that the war
has given us a bewildering array of
material, but the property named
archival can make all the difference
between a mere mass of papers and
a carefully preserved record of the
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\$100,000,000 SCHEME.**99-YEAR RUBBER LEASE VENTURE.****BIG FIRESTONE DEAL.***(Reuter's Service.)*

New York, October 15. Mr. Harvey Firestone, President of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, has announced that he has signed an agreement with the Republic of Liberia by which he has obtained a 99-year lease of a million acres, suitable for rubber growing and a 2,000-acre rubber plantation, fully matured and bearing rubber. It is planned to spend \$100,000,000 developing the lease.

GLOOMY PICTURE.**BRITAIN'S COAL INDUSTRY OUTLOOK.***(Reuter's Service.)*

London, October 15. There was a large attendance of the public at the first sitting of the Coal Commission at Westminster Hall which was attended by representatives of the Miners' Federation and the Mining Association.

Mr. Ernest Gowers, Permanent Under Secretary of Mines, stated that the present demand and consequently the present output of British coal had descended to the level of 20 years ago, but the industry was employing upwards of a quarter of a million more persons.

The consumption from customers in Russia, Germany, and Austria had been reduced by 40,000,000 tons.

Replying to Mr. Beveridge, Mr. Gowers mentioned that seven men were now employed where previously it had been six. It was agreed that the pre-war standard of wages was only maintained by increased output per head of the employees, or the material increase of prices of coal to give to other articles. Mr. Gowers said he realised he had painted a very gloomy picture.

SLIGHT DELAY.*(Reuter's Service.)*

Locarno, October 15. Polish, Czech, and German jurists assisted by English and French experts completed their work and reached an understanding on the Eastern Arbitration Treaty.

Mr. Chamberlain and M. Briand conferred the whole evening on the German proposals regarding the evacuation of the Rhineland and demands regarding the Saar which may slightly delay the initialing though it is not a serious obstacle.

EARLIER CABLES.

Locarno, October 15. For the first time since the Conference opened M. Szynski and M. Benes, the Polish and Czechoslovakian Foreign Ministers, participated therein. This morning Sig. Mussolini is rushing to Locarno in a motor car from Milan in an effort to participate in the conference before it closes. It is understood that altogether five documents will be signed, namely the Pact itself and four arbitration treaties, Franco-German, German-Polish, Germano-Czechoslovakian and Belgio-German.

There will also be two special declarations guaranteeing arbitration treaties between Germany and Poland and Germany and Czechoslovakia and finally a declaration concerning article sixteen of the Covenant.

Germany gave her adhesion to the Pact this morning. All the delegations gave their adherence to the Western Security Pact this morning. The question of the eastern frontiers and of the German arbitration treaties with her eastern neighbours is still to be settled but it is considered unlikely that it will create trouble.

RADICAL CONGRESS.*(Reuter's Service.)*

Nice, Oct. 15. Half a dozen ministers attended the Radical Party Congress at which the main problem is whether the Left Cartel which was seriously weakened last session, shall be revived.

Assuming the Socialists, who withdrew, agree, M. Herriot, presiding, favoured this course and also renewed his advocacy of a capital levy.

CHAMBERLAIN'S PAIN BALM. There is nothing so good for rheumatism, sprains, lumbago, etc., as Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It is sold everywhere.

FRANCE'S REDS.**COMMUNIST MAYORS SUSPENDED.****ARRESTS IN PARIS.***(Reuter's Service.)*

Paris, October 15. A Communist demonstration outside the Bolshevik Pavilion at the Decorative arts exhibition was forcibly dispersed and 40 arrests were made.

The Communist Mayor of Saint Denis has been suspended for a month for grave dereliction of duty in allowing public services to be held up on the 12th inst., when the Communists attempted a general strike.

The Communist Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Halluin in department Nord have also been suspended for abusing the privileges of their office.

RUSH FOR SEATS.**AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL ELECTIONS.***(Reuter's Service.)*

Melbourne, October 15. The nomination lists show 164 candidates for 75 seats in the House of Representatives and 50 for 22 vacancies in the Senate. There are no women candidates. Every seat is being contested.

JUDICIAL INQUIRY.**INSPECTOR EVERSON'S EVIDENCE.***(Reuter's Service.)*

Shanghai, Oct. 15. At the Federal Inquiry today, Inspector Everson, replying to Mr. Justice Finlay Johnson, said that he did not believe that the events of May 30 would have been averted by detaining the original mob of students who thronged the charge room when the first four were arrested. He did not believe that by preventing them from joining the outside mob the temper of the crowd would have been better. He had no special instructions from his superiors to take precautions against riots previous to May 30.

An American missionary, Mr. Olmes, giving evidence said that he was among the crowd at the time of the shooting. The mob was excited, waving banners and throwing leadballs in the air. From his position in the crowd witness did not realise any necessity for shooting.

Sgt. Inspector Shillworth said he was on duty at the Nanking Road and Chekiang Road corner. At about three o'clock he saw a "howling mob" surrounding a policeman on point duty. Witness, accompanied by three foreign police, attempted to break up the crowd, whereupon the mob pulled down Constables Cole and Stevens to the ground. Witness then ordered buttons to be drawn, and the police slowly retreated toward the Station, pressed by a violent crowd. Witness heard the cry "Kill the foreigners," and was of the opinion that both volleys were necessary to repel the crowd. Had witness been in charge of the Station he would have done the same as Inspector Everson.

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NEW AIR FEAT.*(Reuter's Service.)*

London, Oct. 15. The first experiments in England with the use of a dirigible as an aeroplane carrier were carried out at Pulham this morning. The R 33 left her mooring mast with a light aeroplane fixed by a special apparatus under her hull. The R 33 cruised for a quarter of an hour and then a D 553 monoplane, piloted by Flight-Lieutenant R. L. Haig, chief test pilot of the Royal Aircraft establishment, was released from a trapeze slung beneath the airship, but in attempting to re-attach itself to the dirigible the aeroplane was slightly damaged and the pilot decided to land.

It transpires that the aeroplane unhooked from the airship and flew for some time. It then re-looked but the propeller of the aeroplane was slightly damaged by striking a wire. The pilot then unhooked successfully for a second time and descended.

Moscow, October 15. The archaeologist, Colonel Kozlov, in a message from Dalaigun, Mongolia, where his expedition is working at the present time, announces the discovery of human remains containing bones of a very remote period also slabs covered with characters in the ancient Mongolian, Tibetan, and Manchu languages. The expedition will winter in the district of Soukhbaatar where the excavations are being carried out.

UNRULY CHINA.**TREATIES AND FOREIGNERS' SAFETY.****HOME PAPER'S COMMENT.**

It was characteristic of Chinese skill to raise the question of treaty revision at Geneva, observes "Truth." As a member of the League China has, of course, the fullest right to submit her relations with the other members to the consideration of that body. Apparently all the other parties to the Chinese treaties are, in principle, prepared to reconsider them. In practice the difficulty is that in her present anarchic state China is no more able than she was half a century ago to put the stranger within her gates in the same position as he is in any other ostensibly civilised country. However, there are signs of improvement in the state of China. The tariff conference now agreed upon should ease the strain between China and the foreign devils. It is no doubt true, as the Chinese Minister said at Geneva, that the treaties themselves do much to provoke Chinese hostility towards the rest of us.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.**MUSKETRY COURSES.**

Among the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps orders and notifications published are the following:

Musketry courses will be fired as follows:—
Stoncutters, Sunday, October 18, Armoured Car Co.
Stoncutters, Sunday, October 25, Engineer Co.
Stoncutters, Sunday, November 1, Infantry Co.
Stoncutters, Sunday, November 8, Scottish Co.
Appointment.

H.E. the Governor has been pleased to appoint C.Q.M.S. Alexander Kenneth Mackenzie to be Second-Lieutenant in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from October 9, 1925.

Leave.
No. 114 Pte. R. Duncan, Reserve Co., is granted 12 months' leave from 14.11.25 to 13.11.26.

Reversion.
No. 648 Lee-Cpl. A. W. Shovelton, Armoured Car Co., is permitted to revert to the rank of Private at his own request, as from 16.10.25.

Resignation.
No. 562 Sergt. H. G. B. Burns, Infantry Co., is permitted to resign from the Corps, as from 30.10.25.

Struck Off.
No. 451 Pte. L. B. Stone, Mounted Infantry Co., having left the Colony, is struck off the strength of the Corps, as from 3.10.25.

THE STAR THEATRE.**AN ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME.**

The Star Theatre delighted a crowded house yesterday with a high quality picture featuring Pauline Frederick in "Smouldering Fires," which was preceded by agile screen acrobatics and skating stunts.

The added attraction at the 9.15 performance was the appearance of Ted Sanborn, the famous xylophonist, who gave some classical and jazz numbers which gained the applause of the audience. He proved to be a master of this rare but difficult instrument, and the warm reception he received on his first appearance here augurs well for the remainder of his short season.

Crowded houses should be the while the attractive double-header programme is continued to-day and to-morrow.

THE RUHR FREE.**FRENCH TROOPS FINALLY LEAVE.***(Reuter's Service.)*

Berlin, October 15. The last French detachment has been withdrawn from the Ruhr, thus marking the complete inter-allied military evacuation of this region.

The occupation of the Ruhr was prolonged because the Allies held that Germany had not properly fulfilled her obligations in respect of disarmament.

LOSSES IN SYRIA.*(Reuter's Service.)*

The French losses in Syria during the recent operations are as follows:

SMUGGLING CASE.**FIVE CHINESE CHARGED.****\$14,000 LOSS FRAUDULENT.**

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, five Chinese were charged with possession of a large quantity of intoxicating liquor on which no duty had been paid.

Mr. J. D. Lloyd, superintendent of Imports and Exports, prosecuting, said that during the last three months the Government had been defrauded of about \$20,000 by evading payment of duty. If the present case had not been detected, the loss would have been about \$14,000.

The men were remanded for further enquiries.

HABITUAL?**JAPANESE AGAIN CONVICTED.****DRUNK AND INCAPABLE.**

A Japanese named Kashima, who was recently fined \$10 on two occasions for being found in a drunk and incapable condition, was again before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning for the same offence.

The maximum penalty of \$15 was imposed.

RUSH OF 'MAILS.'

The s.s. "President McKinley" brought in this morning 408 bags of mail from the U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai.

The mail from Europe via Siberia by the same vessel amounted to 19 bags.

A feature which will lead to quicker receipt and more frequent arrival of mails by this route is a new system which came into force at the G.P.O. in London on September 21 by which mails are closed daily instead of weekly as before.

The balance of the s.s. "Mantua" mail from Europe, which arrived late yesterday afternoon, was dealt with this morning.

MURDER CHARGE.**SEQUEL TO PAINTERS' QUARREL.****A KOWLOON CASE.**

An argument arising out of a dispute over the disappearance of a painter's tool was alleged to be the cause of the death of Ip Kam-lun when Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith prosecuted for the Crown at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday in a charge of murder against another painter named Cheung Hi.

The man died in hospital as the result of an abdominal wound which brought on peritonitis.

The case was adjourned after evidence had been called by the Crown.

A KITE MOVED ON.

A boy failed in his great ambition to fly his kite over the Houses of Parliament.

Careful test of the breeze showed the owner of the kite that if he were to succeed the kite would have to be released from the Albert Embankment; and here he took his stand. As long a run as his surroundings would permit, and the kite rose.

But Guy Fawkes himself was not detected quicker than this small boy with the big ambition. A policeman asked him what he was doing. He told the truth.

The awful news was broken to him that kite-flying over the Houses of Parliament was forbidden; and that if he had similar ambitions concerning the Abbey, St. Paul's, or any such buildings he could dismiss them from his mind.

With a smile, the policeman recommended the park, and thither the kite was carried with pride.

"Without such a regulation we might have all sorts of printed banners hanging over the place," said an official. "In any case, I should think permission would have to be obtained from the Lord Great Chamberlain."

A moderate monsoon prevailing over the northern China sea is the forecast in to-day's weather report. The anticyclone has moved eastward into the Sea of Japan; pressure has increased slightly to moderate in that locality and decreased slightly elsewhere.

The growth of new pressure remains stationary with centres indicated over the Yellow Sea and the South of the Bohai. No wind change is forecast for the Philippine Islands, the South China Sea, and the Indian Ocean.

MOTHER'S KISS.**SON'S MURDER CHARGE.****DEAD MAN'S FAMILY HELP THE DEFENCE.**

The Treasury were not represented at the police court proceedings at Harewood End, near Sellack, Harefordshire, and no legal representative made an opening statement for the prosecution against Richard Louis Wreford Brown, of Sidonia, Sellack, a farmer and ex-officer of the 1st Welsh Guards, who was committed for trial at the County Assize for the murder of his father-in-law, Dr. Walter Carless Swayne, a professor of obstetrics at Bristol University, at Sidonia on August 14.

Wreford Brown received the committal unopposed, but there was a pathetic scene when his mother, who had sat through the hearing, went across the court to him and they embraced each other affectionately for some minutes before the son was taken back to prison.

When the proceedings opened, Mr. George C. Swayne, solicitor and brother of Dr. Swayne, said: "I represent Dr. Swayne's family, and I identify myself with the defence, and express great sympathy with the accused in his distressing circumstances and mental affliction."

Richard Carless Swayne, Dr. Swayne's son, repeated the story he told at the inquest regarding the shooting of his father, and replying to questions he said he knew that in consequence of having been gassed in the war, his brother-in-law underwent three mastoid operations, and that he still had discharge from a wound which needed constant attention. He knew that his brother-in-law's father had been in a lunatic asylum.

His brother-in-law had constant delusions which took the form of a conspiracy in which his wife and others were supposed to be involved.

He had a delusion that his letters were being tampered with, and that his food was drugged. Sometimes he refused food and went out and got his meals elsewhere.

Dr. Llewellyn Green, who rendered medical aid to the dead man, said Dr. Swayne, told him the second shot was not aimed. It was fired from the hip. He was then dying and said the surgeon would be too late.

The medical officer of Gloucester Prison said Wreford Brown was suffering from delusional insanity of a pronounced type, and on the night of the tragedy was so influenced by delusions as to be incapable of appreciating the nature of his actions. He was now insane and unfit to plead.

Before his committal a plea of not guilty was entered by Mr. Ivan E. Snell, who appeared on behalf of Wreford Brown.

AIRMEN IN ARMOUR.

Proposals are being considered with a view to safeguarding machine-guns in the exposed cockpit of big war-planes when they are attacked by fast single-seater fighters.

When one of the latter dives down upon a big bombing machine it offers an extremely small target. The pilot is protected by the mass of metal in front which contains the engine, and little more appears as a mark than his head, projecting just above the fuselage.

Machine-guns at their stations in the bomber's hull present to the descending attacker a much larger target, not only their heads and their shoulders, but also some part of their bodies being exposed to his view.

It is now proposed either to place the gunners of big machines in small revolving metal turrets, or to provide them with bullet-proof helmets, and a specially designed form of body armour, the latter proposal being the more in favour.

The turret might, it is considered, make it difficult for gunners to spot quickly enough enemy fighters darting down from all directions; but a well-designed helmet and a special type of chain-mail made as light as possible, would not interfere with vision of movement.

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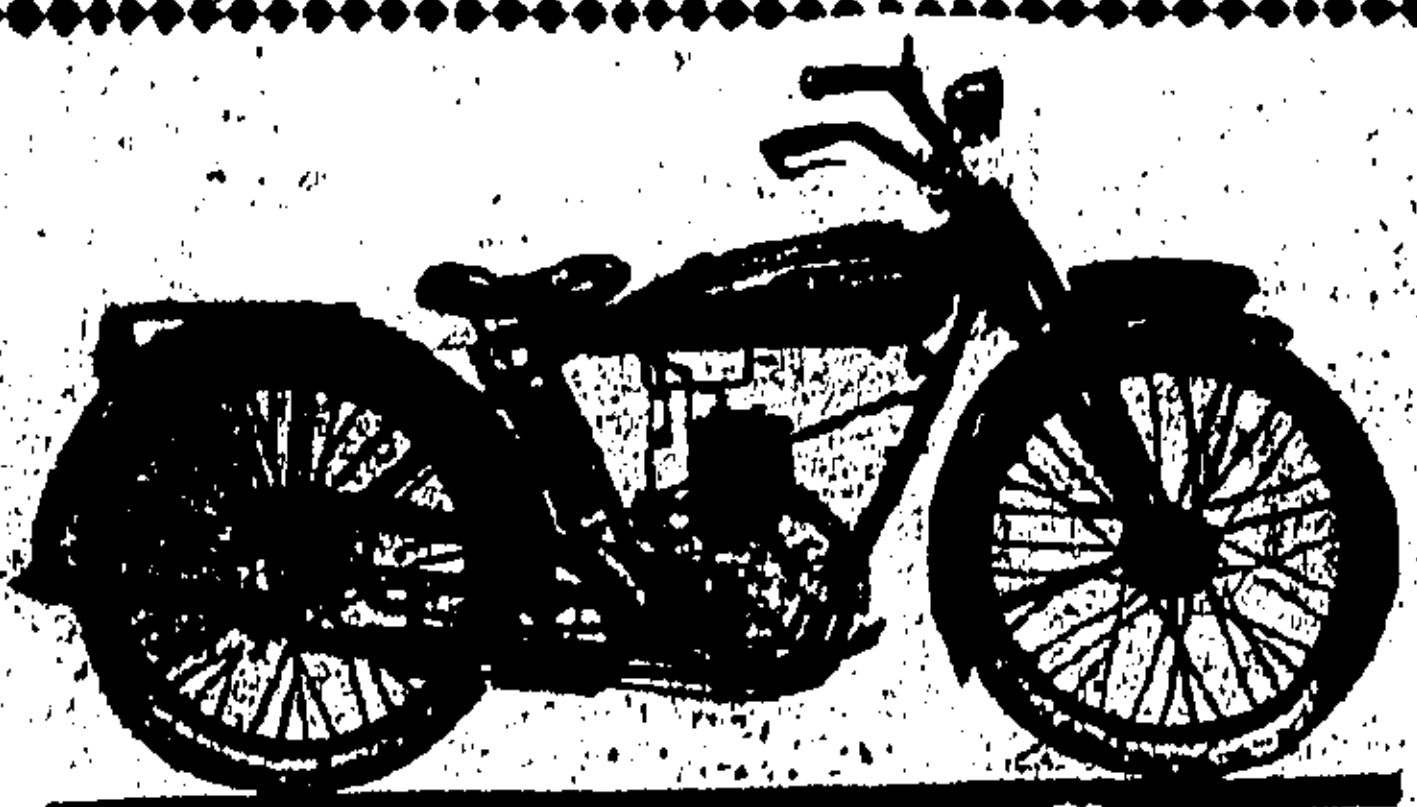
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There was a clean bill of health for the 24 hours ending Wednesday.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending October 3 amounted to 65,162 tons, and the sales to 66,748 tons.

Two fires took place at Macao on Wednesday—one in a fire cracker factory at Mongha and another in a matchbox at Sakong. The latter resulted in the death of a child.

The cinematograph industry itself is now moving in the matter of doing something to encourage the production of British films. The Kinematograph Exhibitors' Association, after an interview with the President of the Board of Trade, have decided to call a conference of the three sections—producers, renters, and exhibitors—so as to fix upon a policy.

Such a success was last year's Poppy Day Collection—on Armistice Day—that it brought in \$2,000 commission in addition to his salary of \$800 per annum to Captain W. G. Wilcox, organisational secretary of the Appeals Department of the British Legion. He receives 2 per cent. on proceeds over the first \$150,000 clear profit, and last November the total collected was \$253,000. The Executive, held, and Captain Wilcox agrees with them, that this is too much, and the agreement will be ended. "Captain Wilcox has more than doubled our proceeds, but even so, we cannot pay him so highly out of money that is raised for charity purposes," said a Legion official.

London, September 15.—By an act of grace of the Wembley exhibition authorities the 102 visitors who gave the exact figure of attendance, each received £2 instead of 18s. 7d. to which they were actually entitled. Among them were one admiral, one clergyman, and one lord. The last named is a schoolboy who has announced his intention of spending his part of the prize on "wireless." Males triumphed over females to the tune of 68 to 34. It is, indeed, a remarkable fact that from the date the competition started till the end of August the fair sex had only 21 prize winners to its credit, compared to 57 mere men. London furnished 55 winners and the provinces 33.

Approximately \$600,000 is to be spent on harbour improvements at Calcutta. Between \$,000,000 and \$,500,000, tons of goods are handled at the port annually.

The people of Poland, including a large number of peasants, intend to purchase an estate and present it to Ladislav St. Reymont, whose tetralogy of novels, "The Peasants," won the Nobel Prize for 1924.

Ponang considers that Government should build houses and let them to the public at a rental which would bring in a clear income in return for the capital invested of 15 per cent. per annum, or, else, restrain by legislation rack-renters from charging more than would return them 20 per cent. on their capital.

The extraordinary resonance of the famous Amati violins is due to the fact that they were stained with lime salts. German violin makers believe. The cause of the remarkable tone of the instruments has been a secret, but it is now claimed to come from the salts remaining imbedded in the pores of the wood.

Dancing on rubber soles is said to give advantages similar to those of a spring floor. The rubber sole, of the crepe variety, is worn inside the dancing shoe, and for those whose feet are not "drawn" by the rubber, dancing on "cushions" is a delightful exercise. Crepe rubber "socks" or inner soles may become popular for walking, too. Worn on the tread, they are apt to become slippery, and require "roughing."

More than 100 baby girls are being adopted as the result of an article in "The Daily Mail" on July 21 about the demand at the National Children Adoption Association, Sloane Street, W., for fair-haired, blue-eyed baby girls. A doctor is taking one homeless child to be a companion to his own little girl. She is to have the same advantages as his child, and will have the same provision made for her. One woman has settled for \$20,000 on her adopted child, and when she dies the girl will have \$200,000. "Two" school-teachers who have just adopted a baby girl selected, one because she has a clever head. She is to have a university education. Few people want boys.

You can't afford to offend customers in these days by asking them for money. —Trade Union at Clerkenwell County Court.

The good old stagers among the popular classics are as welcome to-day as ever they were. We played "Two eyes of grey" and "Liddle's" Abba, with me to an audience of twenty-eight thousand people at Southsea, and you could have heard a pin drop, says J. H. Squire, the "cellist."

Total passengers leaving New York, Boston and other Atlantic ports for Europe from April to August 1, 1925, was 236,000, compared with 210,000 last year, according to the White Star Line. The increase of 12 per cent. in the total number of passengers was greatly exceeded by the gain in tourist third-cabin travel. This rose from 72,000 in the period of 1924 to 92,000 in 1925. Officials of all lines agree that the cheaper accommodation now available have been the direct cause for the remarkable increase in ocean travel this year.

One of the greatest speeches on Evolution—that made by Huxley in his famous controversy with Bishop Wilberforce—was really the result of an accident! It is told in Sir Mount Stuart Grant-Duff's Diary that Huxley was actually leaving for the country on the morning of the debate, when he met Robert Chambers, the author of "Vestiges of Creation." Dis-mayed to think that so good an ally was to be absent from the fray, Chambers told Huxley of the battle royal that was to take place, and prevailed on him to postpone his holiday, with results that were epoch-making.

Ladybirds are to be seen all over Paris. There has been, that is, a sudden swarm of artificial cocklebees. This is the latest caprice of fashion, and wherever one goes one observes on cloaks, on feminine hats, on feminine jackets, little painted red insects with black spots. In France they are called bête à bon dieu. They were introduced recently and they had multiplied exceedingly. It is an idle fantasy to pin the bestioles on one's clothing, but no Parisienne would now consent to be without her ladybirds. The craze will not last long, but while it is the fashion the red and black fly is the fetish of Paris.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Elsie Zeitlyn, Barrister-at-law returned to the Colony yesterday on "President McKinley" from a visit to Shanghai. Mr. J. H. Brister was a passenger on the same ship.

Mr. W. A. Rawnsley, who has been the representative of Cooper and Company, Ltd., in Tokyo, and who has been active in sports at the Yokohama Country Club, has been transferred to the firm's Osaka office.

Hongkong residents on the passenger list of the Malwa, which arrived yesterday afternoon, included: Mrs. Arie, Mr. W. G. Gerard, Mr. Allan Keith, Mrs. M. J. Ewing, Mrs. S. H. Ross and Mrs. J. I. Ewing.

The forthcoming weddings are announced of Mr. Joseph George Meyer, of Empress Lodge, Kowloon, to Miss Dorothy Beard, who arrives in the Colony by the s.s. Palrochus; Mr. F. X. L. de Paria, of No. 24, Robinson Road, to Miss M. M. Tam, of St. Joseph's Building.

Among the passengers departing by the R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taggart for Shanghai; Mr. C. S. Gubbay, the Shanghai Interport Bowls Team; Mr. A. J. Edgar, who came from Shanghai to attend the races here; and Mrs. B. A. Wilson, wife of the manager of the Mercantile Bank of India at Singapore, en route to Vancouver.

Upon his arrival in the Colony by the s.s. "Mantua" yesterday afternoon, His Excellency Colonel Maia Magalhães, the newly appointed Governor of the Portuguese Colony of Macao, was met by Senor A. L. C. de Albuquerque, Portuguese Consul-General in Hongkong, Admiral Lacerda, in charge of the port of Macao, the Commander-in-Chief of the Portuguese naval forces in the Far East, Mr. Silva Netto, and a number of officers from the warship "República." The A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor, Capt. Swinton M.C., was also present.

Mr. C. B. Shank returned to the Colony on Wednesday by the "President Wilson."

Mr. Nathaniel B. Stewart, United States Consul-General in Tokyo, has received official notice from the Department of State of his assignment as Consul-General at Constantinople.

Among the arrivals by the P. & O. s.s. "Mantua" yesterday afternoon was Rear-Admiral Cameron, who has come out from Home to take over the Yangtze Patrol command.

Professor Edmund Blunden, noted English poet, and professor of English language and literature at Tokyo Imperial University, addressed the Tokyo Women's Club and spoke on John Clare, his life and poetry, and also gave selections from his own writings.

Mr. Roy Howard, a well-known American journalist, spent a day here on his way to Manila by the s.s. "President Wilson" leaving this afternoon. In the course of his trip to the Far East he has already interviewed several prominent men, among them being Marshal Chang Tso-lin. Mr. Howard is Chairman of the United Press Association.

The Prime Minister's activity as a walker proved a strain on the detectives who were looking after his safety at Aix les Bains. The "Petit Parisien," in an article on Mr. Baldwin's day, says:—Mr. Baldwin rises at 7 a.m.; takes his breakfast and asks for his morning papers, which are read to him by Mrs. Baldwin. The Prime Minister then prepares for his morning walk. He does not play golf, but only takes walking exercise, 20 or 30 kilometres (12½ or 18½ miles) are nothing to him. The two detectives who are looking after his safety, it is stated, were unable to keep up with the Prime Minister, and accompanied him to the Bevard River by means of the tramway, while the Prime Minister climbed the rocks.

Reuter's American Service cables, the death of U.S. Senator J. H. Ralston.

Senator Ralston was a native of California. He practiced law since 1878. He was specially interested in Philippine affairs and in 1899, before the insurrection against the United States was counsel for Felipe Agoncillo, General Aguinaldo's representative in the United States.]

Rexton, Kent County, New Brunswick, the birth-place of Andrew Bonar Law, one-time Prime Minister of Great Britain, is the site of a monument to the memory of the British statesman, which was unveiled on September 17. The unveiling was performed by Richard Law, his youngest son, who came from Scotland. Plans for the ceremony included the presence of the Prime Minister of Canada, W. L. Mackenzie King, Arthur Meighen, leader of the Conservative Opposition in the federal House of Commons; Lieutenant-Governor Todd of New Brunswick, and many other leaders in Canadian public life.

To the Master, Fellows, and Scholars of Trinity College, Cambridge, such of the contents of his residence as they may desire. This unusual "Help Yourself" legacy appears in the will of Mr. Walter William Rouse Ball, of Elmside, Grange Road, Cambridge, a famous mathematician, who has left £38,038. To Fanny Maria Parson, in his employ, he leaves £400 and £100 a year, and to his maid, Ellen Eliza Watts, £300 and £40 a year. Apart from these and a few other personal legacies, the whole of the fortune is left for University and similar purposes. Mr. Ball, beside being a Fellow of Trinity College, was treasurer of the Cambridge University Boat Club.

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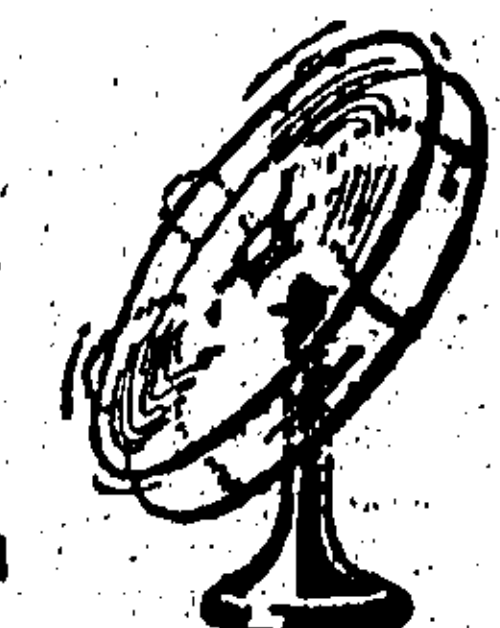
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CHINA MAIL

WEEK-END CRICKET

FOUR MATCHES DOWN FOR SATURDAY

HONGKONG-KOWLOON DERBY

The schedule of cricket matches for tomorrow is as follows: University v. Civil Service C.C. on the Pokfulam ground. Hongkong C.C. v. Kowloon C.C. on the H.K.C.C. ground. Police R.C. v. Kowloon C.C. (2nd XI) on the Kowloon ground. Chinese R.C. v. Craigengower C.C. on the C.R.C. ground. All the above are "friendly" matches. The only League game arranged to take place is that between the Hongkong C.C. 2nd XI v. Civil Service C.C. 2nd XI. It has had to be postponed owing to the state of the latter Club's ground. Some of the teams are:—

H.K.C.C. v. K.C.C.
H.K.C.C.—R. Hancock (capt.), A. W. Hayward, J. D. Humphreys, E. W. Lee, E. J. R. Mitchell, T. E. Pearce, L. P. Ralph, E. F. S. Stewart, G. R. Walker, and R. E. A. Webster.
K.C.C.—J. C. Lyle (capt.), F. Goodwin, A. W. Ramsey, Capt. E. W. Morris, S. J. K. R. Macmillan, G. W. Williams, R. Petheram, E. A. E. Duncan and T. W. Howell.

P.R.C. v. K.C.C. 2nd.
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C.C.C.—T. Grimes (capt.), D. Fritz, S. Abbas, R. C. Reed, A. Fitzell, E. Finch, A. Hamson, F. Schenkel, M. Pina, W. G. Guest, E. Mowling. Reserves: E. Hamson and F. K. Modi.

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University—A. A. Rumjahn (captain), Rev. E. K. Quick, H. N. Balhatchet, D. K. Samy, S. O. Shahabuddin, S. A. M. Zepher, S. Huchima, C. W. Lam, W. H. Sling, B. P. Ng, A. N. Other.

GIRLS BEAT BOYS!

GARRISON SCHOOL AQUATIC SPORTS

Girls attending the Garrison School defeated, in some events, boys who competed in the same events in the school's aquatic sports at the V.R.C. bath yesterday.

Among the interested spectators were the Bishop of Victoria (R. Rev. C. R. Duppuy), Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Russell Brown, Lieut. Col. Edmondson, Lieut. Col. Tuke, Lieut. Col. Fitzgerald, Lieut. Col. Trevelyan, Lieut. Col. T. A. Robertson, Major Macready (D.A.A., Q.M.G.) and Major Chenix Trench.

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LAST 15 MINUTES

EXCITING LOCAL HOCKEY MATCH

HOW TO GET GOALS

With the score a goal to nil against them 15 minutes from time, the defence of the Hongkong Hockey Club 1st XI suddenly had the inspiration to teach the forwards how to put the ball between the uprights and the Surrey Regiment were defeated by 1-1 when time was called.

This excellent match was played on the U.S.R.O. ground, Kowloon, on Wednesday. At half-time the Surreys were a goal up, Lieut. Dickens, playing goal forward, having found the mark.

When only about a quarter of an hour was left, Woodward gave a nice pass to Mitchell and the skipper, playing centre-half made the goal 1-1.

A few minutes later, Mitchell took the ball on the right and centred accurately. Forthrighton (at back) covered very well and stepped into Mitchell's place to shoot and give the Club the lead.

Then followed a short period of determined pressure by the Infantrymen. After Mills (goalie) had rushed out Mitchell saved a possible goal. In the last five minutes the Club forwards showed that they had profited by the example set by their colleagues behind. One of two new men in the forward line did not tend to the best combination and the string hardly got going.

But Allan (inside right) put on two goals and the attack thereby made amends in those last five minutes. The Surrey halves played extraordinarily well. Captain Allfree at centre-half, Lieut. Childson at left-half and another at right-half, all showing up to decided advantage. Lieut. Dickens and the centre-forwards being very speedy.

The form of the Club forwards has already been described. Mills played a sound game in goal for the Club, and the backs were safe. The day's honours, however, went to the Club halves, the combined showing of the full-back line being the best displayed by the Club for quite a considerable time.

The Club team, as announced, was:—P. W. F. Mills, A. P. T. Farquharson, D. H. Sherman, A. S. Hett, B. T. R. Mitchell (captain), B. V. L. Martin, J. Prior, R. C. Allen, W. Woodward, G. H. Vullack and G. P. Lummett.

Teams For To-day

On the University ground at 5 p.m. sharp to-day, the Varsity will play the Hongkong Hockey Club "A" team. The teams are:—

Varsity.—P. T. Lim (Captain), P. C. Lim, A. A. Aziz, R. K. Lam, G. S. Scully, H. C. Ho, F. Hiptoola, S. W. Teo, G. E. Yeoh, A. P. Ng, and T. L. Tan.

Hockey Club "A".—A. J. Enak, Wynne, O. Eager (Captain), D. Rushton, L. A. R. Duncan, W. A. Newman, A. S. Exell, T. P. Sanderson, J. C. Thomson, J. Middleton Smith, the Rev. T. B. Powell. Referee: J. Wedlake.

U. S. GOLF

HAGEN'S PROFESSIONAL TITLE

MANY TIMES CHAMPION

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Sept. 26.

Walter Hagen retained the professional golf championship of the United States, defeating William Mehlgorn of Chicago to-day, six up and five to play.

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NEXT YEAR'S TESTS

J. B. HOBBS ON ENGLAND'S ELEVEN

LEAVES OUT HIMSELF

(By Jack Hobbs in the "Sunday Express.")

London, Sept. 6.

The close of the cricket season seems to me an appropriate moment to take stock of our cricket forces with an eye on the future, notably, of course, in view of the visit of the Australians next season.

Is our cricket better or worse than it was? To my mind, we are undoubtedly improving. The outstanding feature that causes me to look to the future, with optimism, is the number of young players who are coming on.

Bowling "Painful"

The first thought that naturally occurs is, what about our bowling? In this department it looks to me as if we shall have to rely chiefly on the old hand, for the reason, to be perfectly candid, that we have no youngster at present up to international standard, painful as it is for me to say so.

People are asking me, what about myself. Of course, there are always the selectors to be consulted, and, frankly, I must admit that on the season's form—and I say it with all modesty—I should be one of the first selected.

It has been put to me that my presence with the team, even if I am not in scoring vein, is a big asset, because it inspires the others with confidence—as it was put to me, they like to know that "Old Jack is there." Nevertheless, in selecting a team I do not intend to pick myself.

A. W. Carr as Leader.

What about a captain? You must bear in mind that I am bound to go on this season's form, and on this Mr. Gilligan, who has unfortunately been unable to bowl, must be passed over, although no one could be sorer than I to see him dethroned.

On this season's form my choice would undoubtedly fall on Mr. Carr. He is a much improved player, and has many of the qualities that a captain needs. The Aussies are very cute in finding out a batsman's weakness, and Mr. Carr may find it harder to make runs against them; but all things considered, he is my choice for a skipper.

The wicketkeeper is most important. To please those who have a fetish for new players, I am scrapping dear old Strudwick, though to my mind he is still just the best wicketkeeper we have got. I would take a chance here and put in Lilley, of Notts. I must qualify this by saying that personally I have only seen him once, but he has a good reputation, and I know he is good for runs.

Our First Bowler.

Now we come to the bowlers. First of all comes Tate. We must dispense with a real fast bowler for the reason that we have not one in all England of quite the class needed. It is a sad admission, but every one recognises that, except for Macdonald, who is an Australian, there is no first-class fast bowler in county cricket. Tate's record speaks for itself, and he is the obvious first choice.

Next comes Macaulay; unfortunately, he bowls at much the same pace as Tate but, like him, he is full of "devil" and a good trier. Then we come to another Yorkshireman, Kilner. What I really want is a good leg-break bowler, but I can't find one. This is going to be one of the selectors' toughest propositions, and it looks as if we shall have to go without one.

Assuming that I am out of it, my team would be:—

A. W. Carr, Hendren, Sutcliffe, Holmes, G. T. S. Stevens, Kilner, Lilley, Hallows, and Tate, Macaulay, V. W. C. Jupp, Hammond or G. O. Allen or Larwood, Watson.

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SOCCER SCIENCE

SPRING WITH NEW OFF-SIDE LAW

PLAN FOR DEFENCE

Anent the change in the off-side law in football—and the fact that few local teams seem to have profited by any new plan of campaign to meet the reforms—the following by a qualified Home sports writer should prove instructive:—

London, Sept. 14.

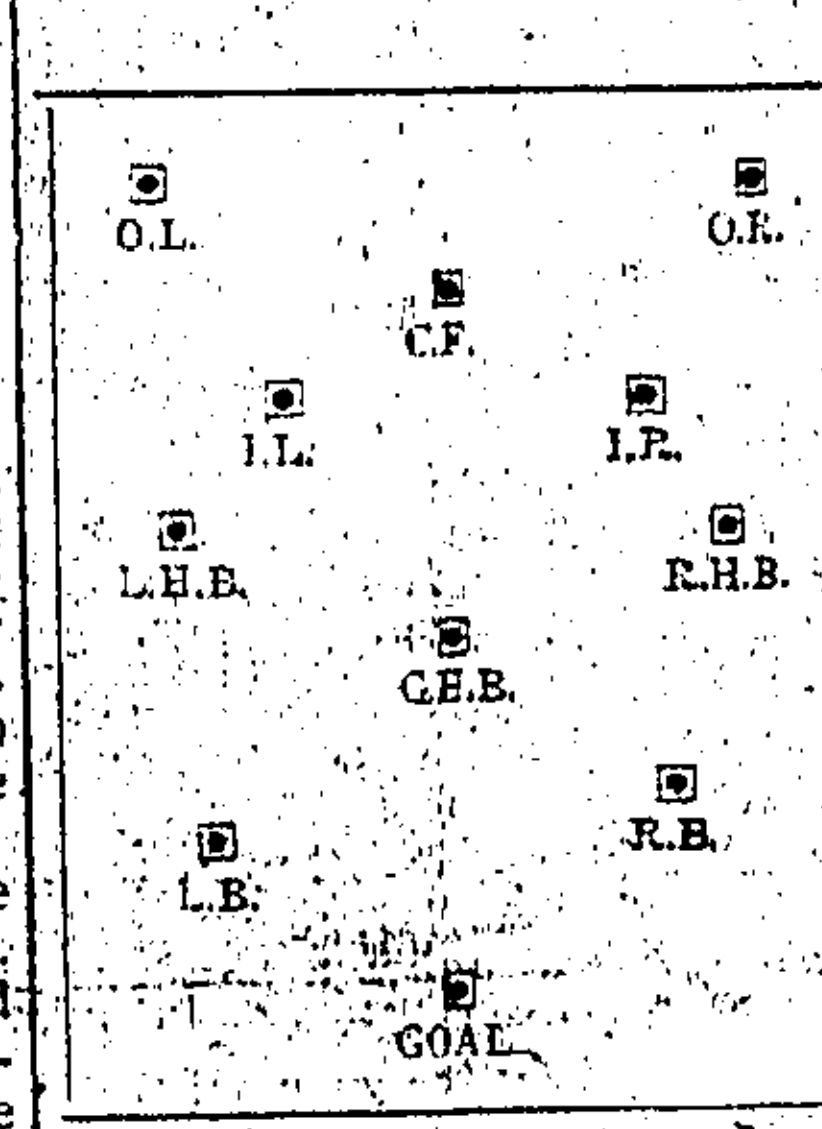
The great question of the day in Association football is tactics, how the defence shall meet the new off-side law and the best formation for attack.

Newcastle United, having had a heavy fall during the week, were seen in an interesting experiment at Aston Park, and there is no doubt that the system was successful—on this occasion.

They were the better team, on the ground where Burnley fell by ten goals, and it was only in the last five minutes of the match that the Villa drew level.

The centre half-back, set himself to play largely a defensive role, an important feature of his work being that he covered the Aston centre-forward (who scored five goals against Burnley), and prevented the Villa centre-forward taking up an unmarked position between the two backs.

The withdrawal of the Newcastle centre-half who rarely followed up an attack, involved an alteration in the half-back and forward formations. The inside forwards fell back to help the half-backs, and the attack took on a W-formation, as the plan of campaign printed here shows.



Newcastle found the policy successful in this game. Whether it will play against other teams, at a time when tactics are varying considerably, the future will show. The system will be of interest, and possibly of help, in any event, to clubs of various grades who are struggling to find a winning way under the new order. It is being tried by more than one Football League team.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

The following have been selected to represent the Police in the league football match to-morrow, on the Sookumpoo "A" ground (4.30 p.m.), with the East Surreys:—

Clark; Wynne, Harle; Brittain, Orem, Randle; Cornwall, McEwen, Valentine (captain), Noonan, Simpson.

At the V.R.C. yesterday, the V.R.C. "A" team beat H.M.S. "Carlisle" in the Water Polo League by eight goals to nil.

For those who would scrap the whole bunch of the older players, here is my suggestion for an alternative team:—

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DR. GRENFELL

RECENT CHINA VISIT IMPRESSIONS

CHRISTIANITY AND BOLSHEVISM

Dr. Wilfred Grenfell, the famous missionary and explorer, who recently visited China and spent a short time in Hongkong, writes on his impressions as follows:—

The Bolshivist element is a serious menace. At present it is mainly among students. But the propaganda is very intensive, and at the end of his life it made an impression on Dr. Sun Yat-sen. The Reds are, moreover, now sending forty Mongolian students to Moscow, and have actually full sway in outer Mongolia.

The resistance to it is another indication of Chinese character. For there is no question that Chinese have much reason to complain of foreigners of sorts, and of imperialism that has been cruel, repressive and reactionary. Grin and bear it, or keep smiling, is, so some think, too much a characteristic of the Chinese. It might well be said of China to-day that she doesn't yet know what she wants; but, unlike what was claimed for the Irish, she seems to the stranger too content without it, though she has sense to know that Bolshivism is no way out.

The first great fact that strikes any rational human being with a soul all along this crowded cradle of humanity is the extraordinary depth to which already Christian missionaries have dug themselves into the hearts of the Chinese. It is to some extent true that a so-called anti-Christian, really a Bolshivist and anti-foreign movement, is going on—but in any case that could only mean that the power of Christianity really is being felt, and is an excellent proof of a fact which any man cannot help seeing, if he looks, and as the Scotch say, "uses his powers of observation."

Still travellers easily miss the ways in which this is coming about, come to wrong conclusions about missions, and carry away wrong impressions altogether of their immense value in the struggle toward world peace. It is scarcely possible, however, to blame round-the-world trippers, who can barely be classed as travellers, as their time and opportunities available are so limited. Even those in business do not take time as a rule to make their own observations, and this has also been one's experience of many even in political life.

MISSIONARY WORK

Dr. Grenfell is of the opinion that Union Colleges, Union Hospitals, Union Churches and other Christian efforts are giving new strength to the drive for "peace on earth" in all parts of China and that the public school spirit which is taught in Christian educational institutions is a good ground for the gradual absorption of more civilised ideals.

What, however, surprised us perhaps most was that we couldn't get off at a city anywhere, however primitive looking or smelly, without finding a mission hospital, or school, or Christian effort of some sort sweetening the atmosphere. Don't let anyone at home worry about things they read in the papers re anti-Christian efforts. The men in the field are not a bit disturbed. No one knows better that God is on His Throne. Most of these reports are like those of Mark Twain's death, "greatly exaggerated."

Anyhow, no one expects the way of the Cross—which by the bye is the way of real evolution of every kind—to be wheeling a perambulator down the sidewalk any more than it was formerly, or will be in the future. The wagging of the devil's tail is the best sign of a mission of Christian activity—it won't hurt the real spiritual Church, of which George Adam Smith said, "There is no danger that it will be destroyed by being blown up, but only from being set upon by endless numbers of indifferent nobodies."

Moreover, the Chinese are a wiser race than many take them for—and their hearts are human and can feel the real thing from the false. Or, in other words, they know a good thing when they see it, as their attitude to missions has amply testified in the past. The Boxer outrage was an anti-imperial political movement, cleverly switched by the reactionary Empire-Dawg into an anti-foreign and only so on anti-Christian one.

SLOW CHANGES

"The pigtailed have mostly gone from the heads of Chinese but are only going slowly from their minds. The walls which obscure the light and air from people's houses, though originally put there to keep spirits from getting in, for the latter can't hum corners, are falling down nowadays; one seldom sees the scaffolding of a new house ornamented with branches at the top to make spirits, trying to get into the house, think it is a forest."

Here, as in India, a new international language is springing up, because even when five generals came down to Shanghai to discuss a campaign they couldn't understand one another—the Cantonese and Pekinese dialects being as different almost as French and English. So one finds English here as in India and Palestine and Mesopotamia and Malaya, spring-

WIRELESS TANGLE

CHINA SELLS TO THREE POWERS

QUESTION OF PRIORITY

The Tokio correspondent of the "Observer" has the following comments to make on the wireless tangle in China brought about by the action of China in selling identical interests to three countries:—

Information has been received from China reporting a wireless tangle which is of international importance, especially with the Conference in sight. According to apparently authoritative newspaper reports from Peking, the American Minister has demanded confirmation of the American Federal Wireless Company's concession as a condition of the American Government's favourable and sympathetic attitude at the Conference. On the other hand, the Japanese Minister demands that the Chinese shall demonstrate their good faith by confirming a similar prior concession to the Mitsui Company.

One outstanding fact is clear—namely, that China sold identical concessions separately to two, and possibly three, firms, representing Mitsui, the Federal Wireless, and the British Marconi. Each in turn protested through its respective Government, but China became indifferent when the transactions were completed. Now the day of reckoning has arrived, and Peking proposes to compromise by a merger of the Japanese and American interests, so that wireless in China would be conducted by the joint management of the three countries, and the American loan would be secured by the proceeds of the merger.

Despatches from Peking announce this proposal as having emanated from America, but Japan apparently does not favour it. The situation contains elements of humour, and also of serious danger. Continuous propaganda from China spreads suspicion of the American motive. Some newspapers assert that Britain and America have combined against Japan and are seeking to "steal valuable concessions for which Japan has already paid and capitalised heavily."

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BRITISH COMMUNISTS' ARRESTED

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Oct. 15.

Following a police raid on the British Communist Party headquarters in London, three lorry-loads of literature were removed and six prominent Communists arrested, including the secretary, Mr. Irkin, Mr. Harry Pollitt, who is the Party's principal orator, Mr. Campbell, Editor of the "Worker's Weekly," who became notorious last year during the Labour Government's regime when the prosecution abandoned a sedition charge against him.

ARREST AT GLASGOW

Two more communist leaders, Thomas Bell and William Gallacher, were arrested this morning at Glasgow and Paisley respectively. The six arrested last evening were charged at Bow Street with conspiring to incite sedition and mutiny, and remanded for a week. The three in addition to those mentioned are Thomas Wittingham, a member of the staff of the "Worker's Weekly," Ernest Cant, of London, an organiser of the Communist party and William Rust, secretary of the young Communist League.

The communists charged at Bow Street have been released on bail of £100 each.

Paris, October 15.—Replying to a member of the Finance Commission M. Painleve stated that the French loss in the campaign in Syria up to July last were 10,042. He promised to supply the figures of losses up to September 30.—Reuter's American Service.

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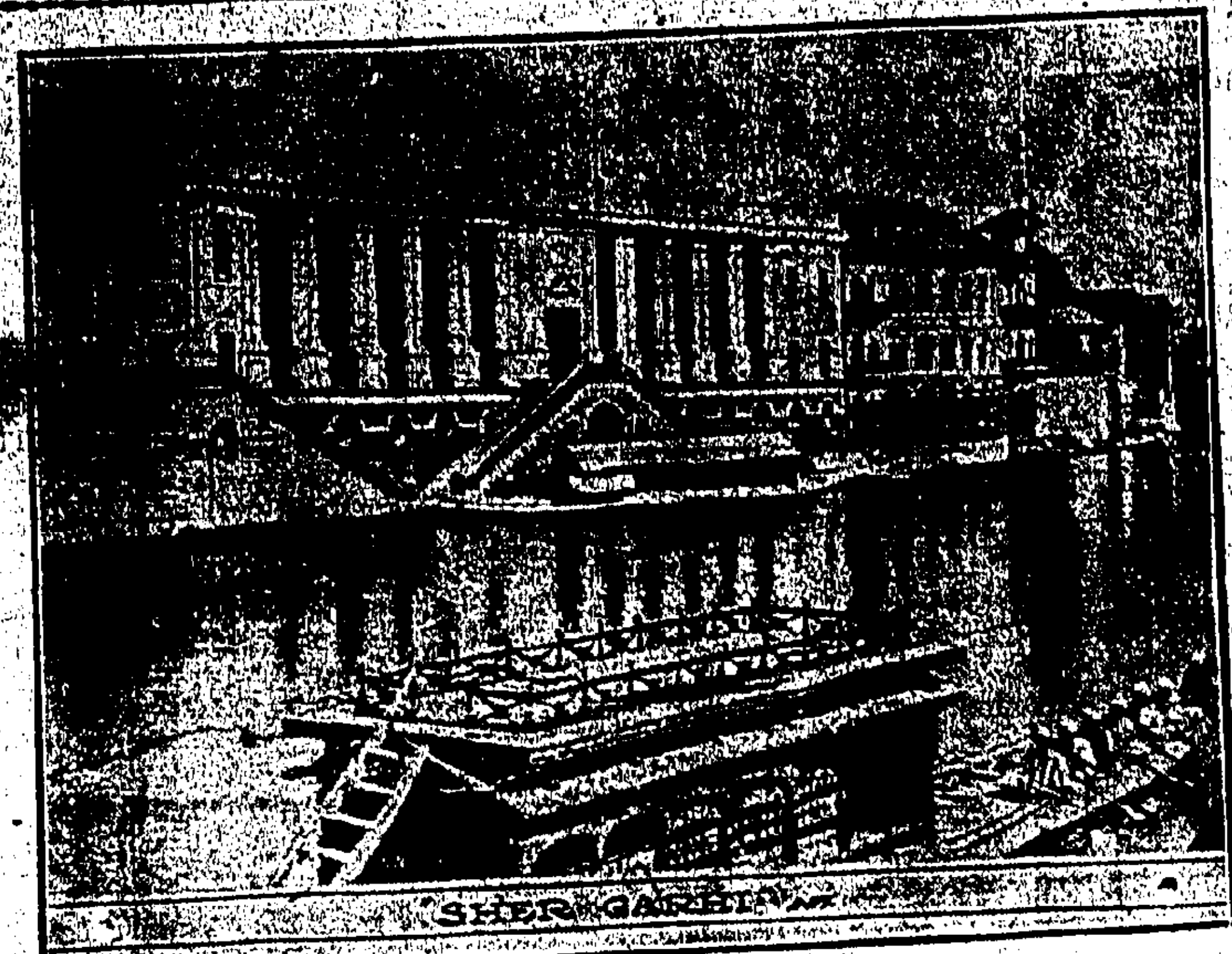
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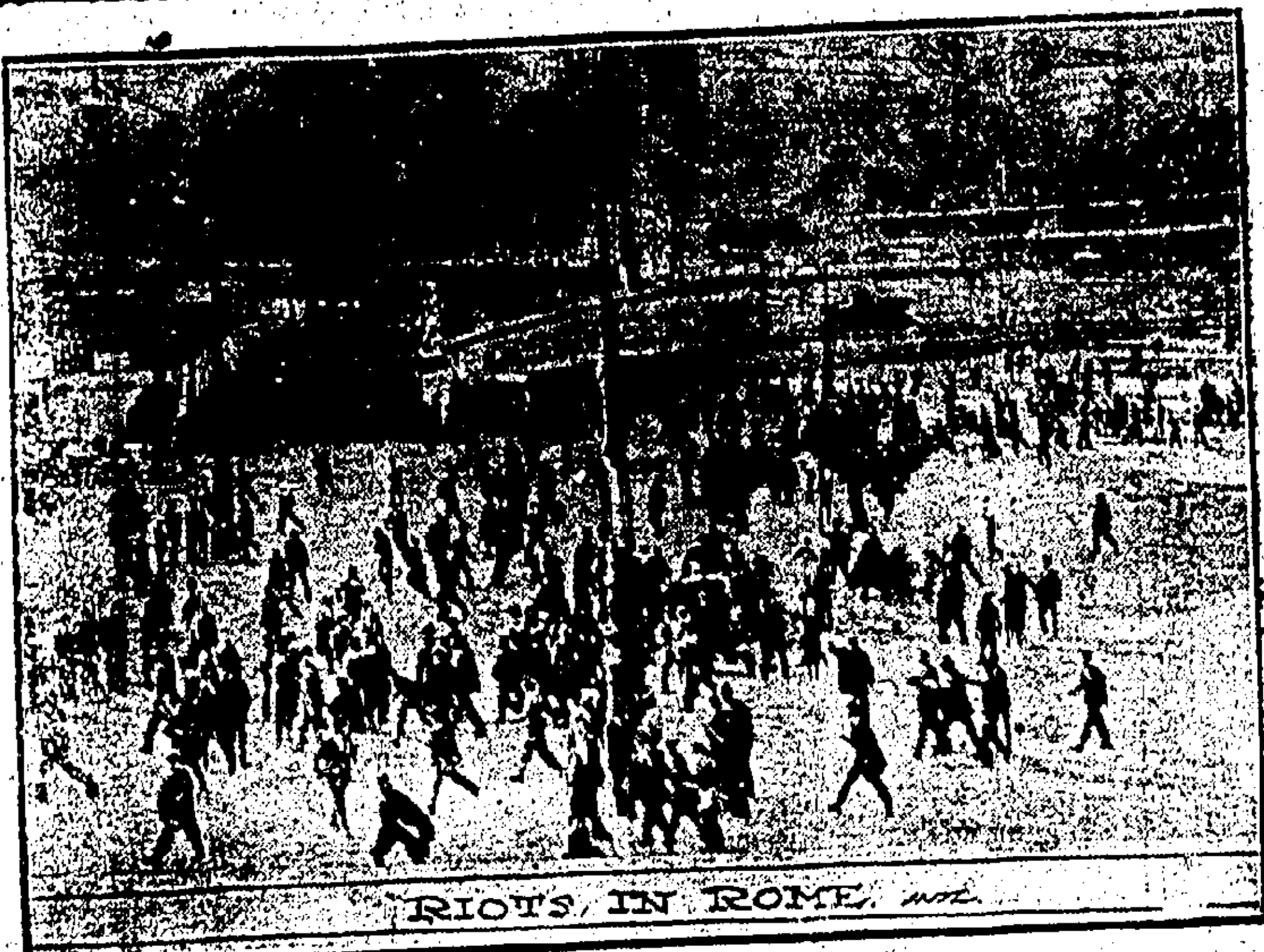
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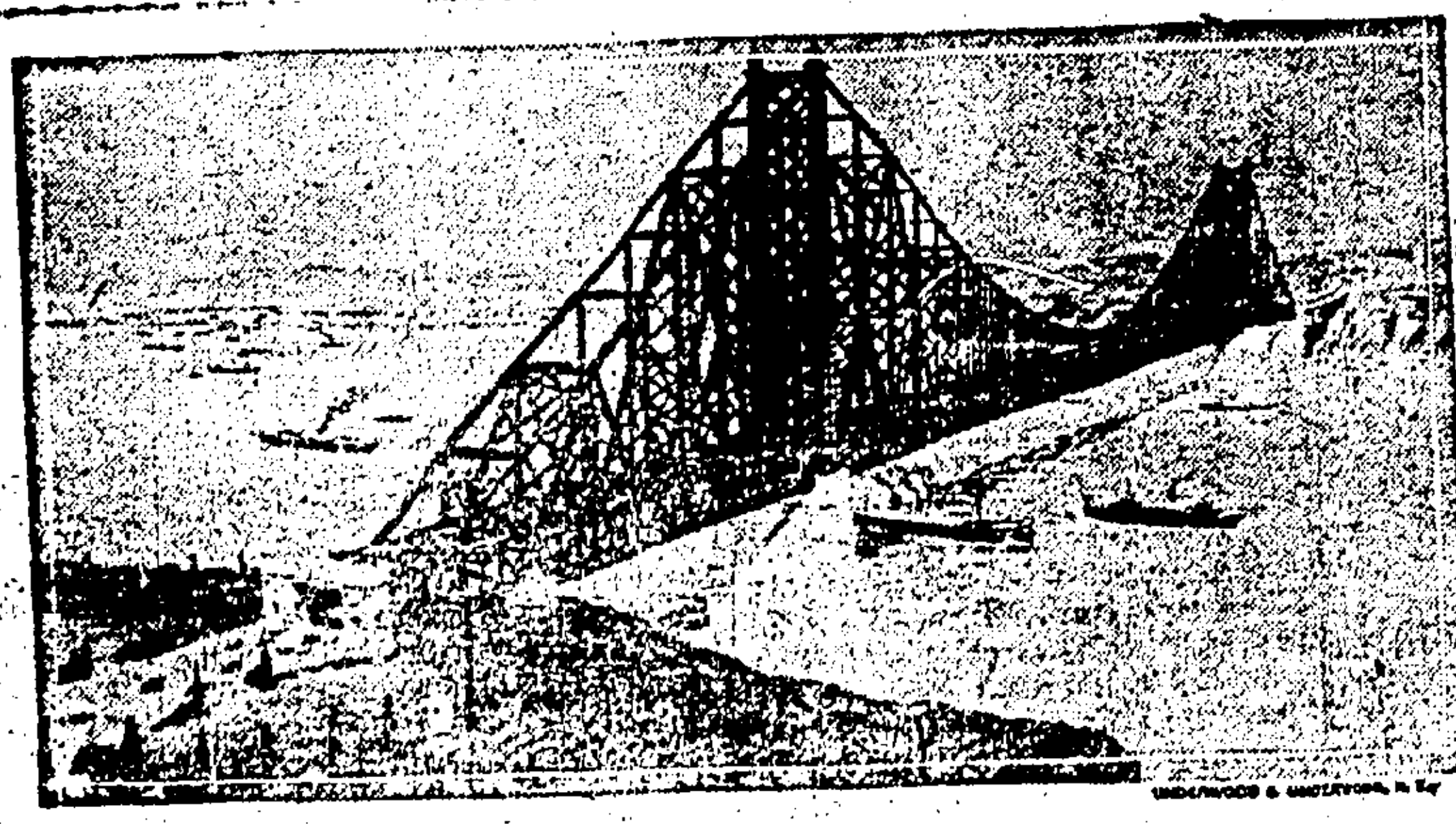


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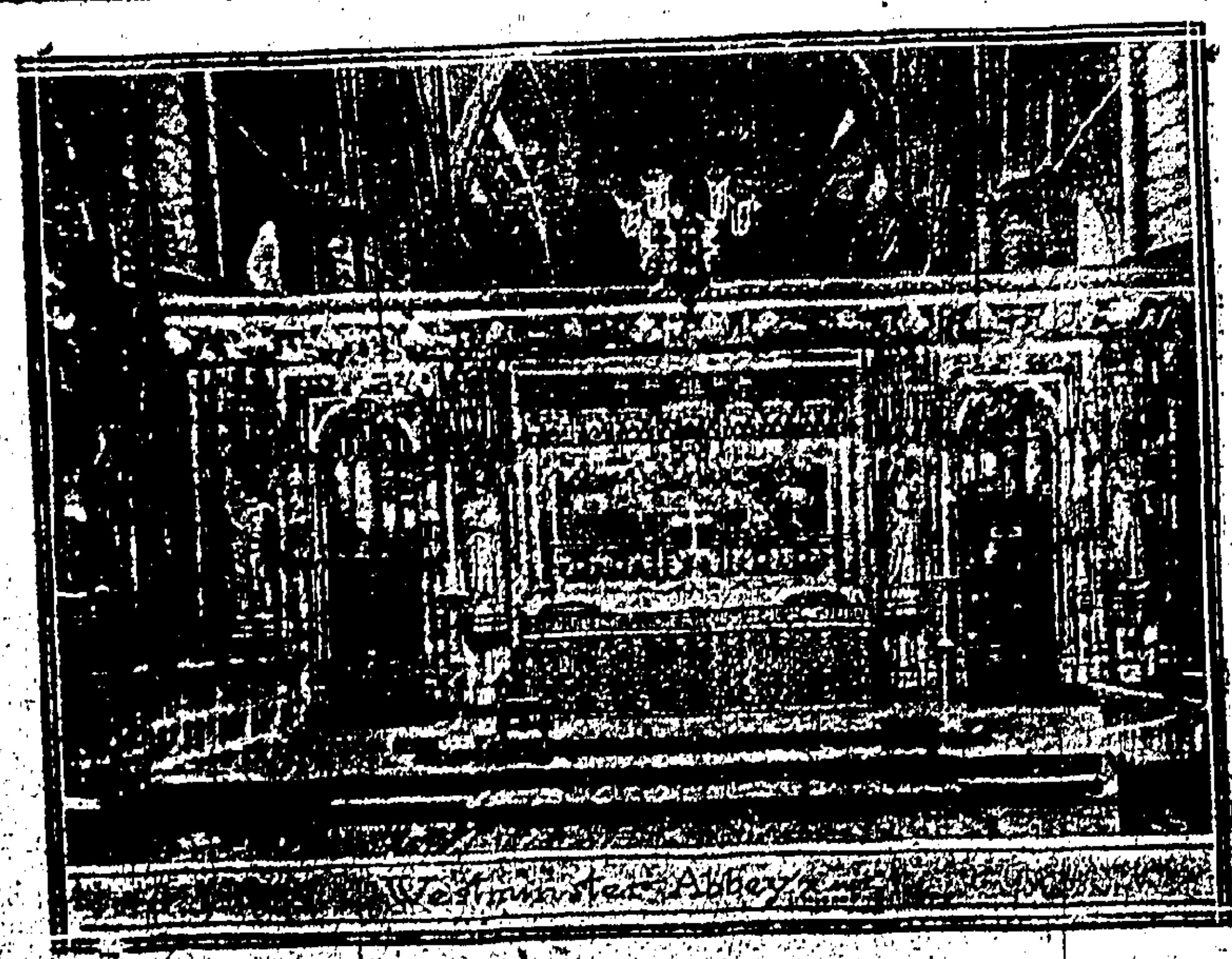


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The Prince's Cash Values.

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An Outrage "Esquire."

Indeed the country is going to the dogs, Sir. Here is a man of independent means, the son of a baronet, owner of a big estate in the north of England, and known to be a patron of the Norwich Hippodrome—and do the police realise the identity of such a man? asks the "Sunday Times." Do they doff their helmets while taking down his address, and start his car when he no longer requires it as an obstruction to the traffic? No, Sir, they do not. They do not realise the trouble to look up Burke's "Peerage and Baronage" in order to address the summons with his full name and proper designation—baronet—upon them, they omit the "Esquire." Fortunately, a man so obviously made in the image of the Almighty is not going to stand such treatment. The first action of a nobleman's son was to return the summons with a demand that it is properly addressed; his second, to threaten to call in the Lord Lieutenant of the county if he did not for that forgotten "Esquire" were not immediately forthcoming. It is a deplorable, discount one, this inconsiderate age in which we live; but let us thank Heaven for men such as this, ready

greatly to find quarrel in a straw
When honour is at stake.
Poor, stripped of his "Esquire," where is that man's honour and dignity?

The Knickerbocker Hamlet.

Sir Barry Jackson's comment on the "Hamlet" has been very widely discussed, and several Shakespearean actors who were there give generous appreciation, says the London correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian." Mr. Colin Keith Johnston, who played

the Prince and won good reports

even from those who did not care for his way of dressing the part, thinks the lead should be followed up. But Sir Barry Jackson has stated that he is not going to do this kind of thing undiscriminately. He has already produced sixteen of Shakespeare's plays at Birmingham in the traditional manner. It would be very interesting if he were to give one or two performances of "Hamlet" with the present company, equipped in the ordinary Elizabethan way. They would have to adjust their style of acting to their style of dressing, but people who saw both performances would then have the best possible opportunity for testing the gain in "actuality" that a modern setting might afford to give. People are getting somewhat impatient by arguing over the details and suggesting new devices for modernizing "Hamlet." Let us rather look to the stage as a whole, for modern plays, and let the reviewer be a small point, and let us be dispatched with a sword hanging up for decorative purposes, so that the lovers of the puppets do get some satisfaction.

Daring Jewel Theft.

Georges Khayat, a wealthy merchant of Baghdad, who came to Paris last month to sell a collection of carpets and antique jewellery, has been victimised by a clever thief, says the Paris correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph." Khayat received a visit from Charles Levy, who said he proposed to buy a jewel collection. A price of 75,000 francs was agreed upon, but as Levy offered only a cheque in payment, Khayat refused to hand over the jewels until he had cash. On the following day Levy called again and began to haggle about the price. While he was talking Khayat was called to the telephone by a man who represented himself as a jeweller, but he was only absent for a couple of minutes. On his return Levy said he had postponed a definite deal until the following day. He then reappeared as promised, but hardly had the conversation begun when Khayat was again called downstairs in the telephone. This time his interlocutor kept him at the instrument for nearly ten minutes, and he returned just in time to see Levy dash out of the room with the jewels that he was going for some moment, and would be back in a moment. But he did not return. While his accomplice had kept Khayat at the telephone he had pulled the drawer in which the jewels were locked, and made off with the whole collection in his pockets. Levy's first call had been in disguise where the jewels were kept. His second to release the jewels, and his third to call him at the very minute.

When Retirement is Possible.

It is hardly fantastic that we should now be spending 100 millions on national defence, whereas we spent only 50 millions in 1917 during the competition in armaments against Germany. Last year the American Votes were reduced by £7,500,000, but Mr. Churchill, instead of decreasing them still more drastically, has actually sanctioned a further increase of £1,500,000. The "Westminster Gazette" says that the Government may be justified in spending £20 millions, but the fleet, which is constantly being increased, costs over 40 millions a year, as against only 50 in 1917, and when the German Navy was in a real menace. Those who are in favour of retrenchment in military expenditure, but who are not in favour of retrenchment in the other branches of the State, are in a difficult position.

Germans and Unknown Soldier.

One of the strangest incidents as yet related in the Unknown Soldier's story is the discovery of a ribbon which may lie on the tomb under the Arc de Triomphe, from which the ribbon was removed the ribbon showing its origin, writes the Paris correspondent of a Home paper. The ribbon was placed on the tomb during the morning without anyone having noticed the ceremony, but when the delegation of ex-soldiers arrived in the evening to relight the flame of memory and lay their own tributes on the tomb, they were astonished to find a wreath tied with a ribbon of the German Republic and bearing an inscription in German. The delegation was "To the Unknown Soldier from Soldiers of Peace," which another ribbon bore the inscription, "Danke sehr, Frau Marie Schmitt, the name of the German branch of the pacifist organization known as the League for the Rights of Man. The ex-soldier, who went to the cemetery and lodged a strong protest against the appearance of the German colours in such a place, and was informed that the authorities had had no notice of the presentation of the pacifist tribute, which had been deposited without anyone having noticed it. A police officer was, however, sent to remove the inscribed ribbons from the German wreath as a precaution against any hostile demonstration.

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